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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE STATE CAPITOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO TAKE STEPS  
NECESSARY TO NAME THE HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL "THE DANIEL  
KAHIKINA AKAKA HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL".

1 WHEREAS, Hawai'i became a state in 1959 following the  
2 passage of an act by the United States Congress and enactment of  
3 the law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Governor John A. Burns commissioned the new State  
6 Capitol to replace the former statehouse, 'Iolani Palace, and  
7 construction on the new capitol began on November 10, 1965; and  
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9 WHEREAS, on March 15, 1969, the Hawai'i State Capitol was  
10 opened, and since then has become a showpiece of a distinctive  
11 style of design known as Hawaiian international architecture, an  
12 adaptation of the modernistic Bauhaus-style that was popular in  
13 the early and mid-20th century; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the design is symbolic of Hawaii's beauty and  
16 geographic features. For example, the reflecting pool that  
17 surrounds the Hawai'i State Capitol symbolizes the Pacific Ocean;  
18 the two chambers of the state legislature on the southeast and  
19 northwest sides of the building are cone-shaped to represent  
20 volcanoes; the twenty-four columns surrounding the building  
21 resemble palm trees; and the eight columns along the front and  
22 back side of the building represent each of the eight main  
23 Hawaiian islands; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the open sky atrium is distinct (as most other  
26 capitols feature a dome-shaped covered rotunda) and is  
27 reminiscent of a volcano crater, while the artistic pattern on  
28 the floor at the center of the atrium is a representation of the  
29 colors of Hawaii's coastal waters; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Capitol grounds also feature  
32 statues of Queen Lili'uokalani and Saint Damien and two large  
33 bronze seals that proclaim the State's motto: Ua mau ke ea o ka  
34 'āina i ka pono; and



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2 WHEREAS, United States Senator Daniel K. Akaka recognized  
3 the State Capitol as the piko or the center and source of growth  
4 for Hawai'i because the capitol is where the Legislature is  
5 housed and makes decisions for the people of Hawai'i; and  
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7 WHEREAS, Senator Akaka would always return to Hawai'i and go  
8 back to the piko to provide state legislators with the latest  
9 report on issues developing in Washington D.C. that may impact  
10 the people of Hawai'i; and  
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12 WHEREAS, Senator Akaka's career was dedicated to public and  
13 community service from his tenure in the United States Army  
14 during World War II, leadership kuleana at Kawaiaha'o Church,  
15 role as a school teacher and principal at Benjamin Parker  
16 Elementary School in Kāne'ohe, his appointment to the State of  
17 Hawai'i Department of Education and the Hawai'i Office of  
18 Economic Opportunity, and his more than three decades serving in  
19 both chambers of the United States Congress; and  
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21 WHEREAS, one of Senator Akaka's longstanding initiatives  
22 was the advocacy for Native Hawaiian self-determination as  
23 evidenced by the Apology Resolution signed by President Clinton  
24 in the same year Hawai'i observed the 100th anniversary of the  
25 overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, and the subsequent  
26 legislation that sought federal recognition of a political  
27 relationship with Native Hawaiians as an indigenous group; and  
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29 WHEREAS, in honor of the late Senator Akaka, this body  
30 acknowledges his service with aloha, emblematic of Hawai'i's  
31 people, and seek to recognize his legacy with the naming of the  
32 Hawai'i State Capitol, a symbol of Hawai'i, the Daniel Kahikina  
33 Akaka Hawai'i State Capitol; and  
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35 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 6E-34.5, Hawaii Revised  
36 Statutes, the State Capitol Management Committee is vested with  
37 the oversight and management of the State Capitol and its  
38 grounds and facilities, and is the key stakeholder in  
39 determining the naming of the capitol; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the State Capitol Management Committee is composed  
2 of representatives from the executive and legislative branches  
3 of the State government, specifically the Governor's Chief of  
4 Staff, the State Controller, the Director of Public Safety, two  
5 members of the Senate, two members of the House of  
6 Representatives, and two legislative officers; now, therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
10 2019, that the State Capitol Management Committee is urged to  
11 take steps necessary to name the Hawai'i State Capitol "The  
12 Daniel Kahikina Akaka Hawai'i State Capitol" in honor of Senator  
13 Akaka; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; President of the  
17 Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; Comptroller;  
18 Director of Public Safety; and Chair of the State Capitol  
19 Management Committee.  
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